



# The Bronx Charter School for Children

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday October 20, 2022 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

388 Willis Avenue  
Bronx, NY

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**Trustees Present**

B. Greenwald, H. Chan (remote), J. Carris (remote), J. Ehrenberg Rosen, M. Aveledo (remote), M. Samuel (remote), N. Schmidt (remote), P. Libretta (remote), S. Blair (remote)

**Trustees Absent**

L. Slous

**Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Alexander

**Non Voting Members Present**

D. Alexander

**Guests Present**

Anastasiya Rosenbaum (remote), Bonnie Halloran, Candice Manzano, Lucy Gentile, Marina Mason, Tina Maiuolo (remote)

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Ehrenberg Rosen called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Bronx Charter School for Children to order on Thursday Oct 20, 2022 at 4:40 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

B. Greenwald made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-15-22.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **D. Executive Director Report**

Academic Achievement Plan - Cohort comparison are not available as the last official test was from two years ago. 3,4,5th first time they are taking the test. We can compare to 2018 but we feel it will not be productive. NWEA and last year scholar comparison would be more useful

Student with Disabilities related services - we were reimbursed for related service providers. We have 2 agencies assigned to us, but they need to pick up the job.

We did not have enough students for the agencies to pick up. They moved to Tele-Therapy (OT/PT) RSA where parents select their own providers and scheduling. No longer providing Tele-Therapy. Sets is a service Scholars IEP, specific to scholar. We were notified in September that Sets will not be paid for by DOE anymore. Sets providers are paid hourly.

Speech services cover reading, speaking, listening and writing. support reading comprehension. Our numbers have always trended higher, in the past we have had a full time speech therapist to support our scholars.

32 scholars need OT.

Private services support scholars based on diagnosis assessment for K - 8th grade. This will help prescribe up to 60 minutes per week to improve scholars skills. Parents and teachers are able to monitor each scholars progress. Einstein tutoring services will be provided for free, first year we are using this service.

We expect continued enrollment, we have room in Kindergarten. We see a big increase from 5 - 8th grade from the local schools. Not seeing an increase of immigrant populations.

How reliable is NWEA internal measure? We feel it is very reliable, our predictive measure were inline with the results. One of the concerns from last year was to move scholars from red to yellow bands.

## **II. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Committee**

Maria Math scores deteriorating we have a document tracking milestones keep track of Academic Improvement Plan.

Heterogenous - ELA readiness and proficiency level, we expect the teacher to manage the entire class.

Homogeneous - Teachers are targeting smaller groups now to support alike kids development needs.

Blended learning model - kids are divided into three homogenous groups in the classroom, teachers will always meet with a group of kids to give specific instructions. Our middle of the road kids are making progress, but the lower and higher kids are lagging. Allow teachers to customize for the individual scholar. Always had small group instruct, but did not focus on core content.

Tina Maiuolo - more than mixed mode, teachers will group 8 - 9 scholars to provide core instruction and other will be online (Clever) to closed the gaps between scholars. Planning to implement Blending Learning Model on November 28. DCI and instructional coaches will support classroom and scholar management.

How to monitor progress - observation, teacher feedback, student data - classwork, homework, summative. Biggest shift is our mindset of academic excellence, holding teachers accountable and having parents support. We want to put the data in front of the teachers all the time. Staff wellness on Wednesday can only be if visits and plans are completed. Using Dojo to communicate with the parents. Middle school and back to school night had a high turnout. Scholars in the past we have never worked with them to set goals. Now they know what is expected from them and we have a support system in place. The Scores need to change.

## **B. Development Committee**

Denise has asked Bethany Goldszer to manage the Annual Appeal for us. We would like to focus on enrichment for our scholars one of the priorities for Appeal funds. Parents would like to see extra curricular activities offered by the school, especially sports. We has unable to secure two new Director of Development.

Marketing proposal Denise, Paul and Candice have worked with the marketing firm we heard from in the spring, Top, reduced their cost and we are looking to add both pieces marketing. We are awaiting references contacts.

## **C. Finance Committee**

Anastasiya Rosenbaum has been very busy with the audit and have not been able to focus on the financials. Two audit reports this year the regular and Federal Audit not due until Spring. The fee increased by 2%, the federal audit is \$7,500.

We need to approve the engagement letter to cover both audits.

B. Greenwald made a motion to Approve Engagement Letter to Auditor.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

N. Schmidt made a motion to Give authority to Finance committee authority to move forward with audit.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **D. Governance Committee**

Ken was not able to meet with three board member due to miscommunication.

Kelly Russell has passed away.

Terra Winston, we were hoping to have the final proposal but we do not. Wanted more details of deliverables from Tera and more clarification on the fees. 12k coach 12k align board and vision.

## **E. Facilities Committee**

629 Courtland proceeding on schedule, the schedule does not call for demo in the spring. Right now getting permits for construction. An issue arose after the final drawing, they were required to shrink the gym by 10% after measuring out the space. We agreed on an option for additional storage space. Denise reviewed with gym teachers and agreed with the space. Due to the reduction of space asked to provide basketball hoops. Elevator is in operation today, but the light does not work. Water working at 433. Still awaiting for TCO to be renewed.

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Chan